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SUBJECT: ECE STUDY OF NEW ISSUES

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1. WE PASSED REF VIEWS TO ECE SECRETARIAT (STILLMAN) WHO DISCUSSED WITH STANOVNIK. SECRETARIAT STRESSED THAT NEW ISSUES STUDY WAS ON ITS OWN INITIATIVE AND THEREFORE DOES NOT REQUIRE APPROVAL OF MEMBER GOVERNMENTS BEFORE RELEASE. STILLMAN ALSO HAD FOLLOWING COMMENTS:

(A) DIFFICULTY IN OBTAINING DATA FROM EASTERN COUNTRIES IS WELL KNOWN PROBLEM. LACKING EQUIVALENT DATA, ANALYSIS OF SITUATION IN EAST BY NECESSITY MORE SUPERFICIAL THAN THAT OF WESTERN COUNTRIES.

(B) THIS STUDY, INITIATED BY SECRETARIAT, IS AIMED AT GENERAL PUBLIC AND IS NOT PRIMARILY FOR USE OF MEMBER GOVERNMENTS. IT IS THEREFORE NOT APPROPRIATE PLACE TO PROVIDE DETAILED ECE WORK PROGRAM.

(C) STUDY USES MOST RECENT STATISTICS AVAILABLE TO ECE. SOME MEMBER COUNTRIES HAVE BEEN SLOW IN PROVIDING
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RECENT INFORMATION. A NEW EFFORT WILL BE MADE TO SEE IF MORE RECENT USABLE DATA IS AVAILABLE.

2. AS NOTED IN REFTL B SECRETARIAT HAS DECIDED NOT TO ATTEMPT TO CONVENE AD HOC GROUP ON GENERAL ENERGY QUESTIONS. SECRETARIAT HOWEVER WILL CONTINUE ITS OWN WORK IN THE GENERAL ENERGY FIELD. MOST IMPORTANT PROJECT

UNDERWAY IS THAT OF KEN SAULTER, FROM U.S., WHO IS ENGAGED IN MAJOR STUDY ON THE ENERGY BALANCE IN THE ECE REGION WHICH WILL INCLUDE DEMAND AND SUPPLY PROJECTIONS AND THE DIRECT CONSEQUENCES OF THESE PROJECTIONS. STUDY EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED BY SUMMER OF 1979 AND WILL BE PUBLISHED UNDER SECRETARIAT'S OWN INITIATIVE. IN ADDITION, JOSEPH SMOLNIK, ALSO FROM U.S., IS PREPARING STUDY ON INVESTMENT IN ENERGY SECTOR IN ECE REGION. SECRETARIAT IS ALSO PREPARING STUDY ON EAST-WEST ENERGY COOPERATION PROJECTS. VANDEN HEUVEL

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